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Section 11B International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

(Programme 9 of the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001)

- 11B.1 The International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT (ITC) was established on 1 January 1968, to be operated jointly and in equal partnership by the former General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), following approval of the accord between GATT and UNCTAD by the Contracting Parties to GATT on 22 November 1967 and by the General Assembly in its resolution 2297 (XXII) of 12 December 1967.
- 11B.2 The General Assembly took note on 18 December 1974 of the financial arrangements proposed by the secretariats of the United Nations and the former GATT, as contained in documents A/C.5/1533 and A/C.5/1604, whereby ITC was considered as a subsidiary organ of both the United Nations and GATT, the former acting through UNCTAD. The Centre's regular budget was to be financed by the United Nations and GATT in equal parts. The ITC programme budget estimates were reviewed by the Assembly in the context of its consideration of the United Nations biennial proposed programme budgets upon which the Assembly decided on the level of the appropriation to finance the United Nations contribution to the ITC budget.
- 11B.3 In 1995, GATT responsibilities were assumed by the World Trade Organization (WTO). On 3 April 1995, the WTO General Council requested its secretariat to negotiate with the United Nations Secretariat for revised budgetary arrangements with regard to ITC.
- 11B.4 The revised administrative and financial arrangements for ITC were agreed upon between the secretariats of the United Nations and WTO and reported upon to the General Assembly through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/C.5/52/25 and A/C.5/53/38). The General Assembly, in its decision 53/411 B of 18 December 1998, endorsed the revised administrative arrangements for ITC as set out in paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/7/Add.3).
- 11B.5 In line with those new arrangements, it is proposed as the first stage of this process, that the existing resource base be maintained, pending further consultation between the United Nations and WTO to determine the level of resources for funding the programme of work under section 11B, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO. As recommended by the Advisory Committee, the outcome of the consultations will be submitted to the Advisory Committee and the General Assembly in the form of an outline.
- 11B.6 It is anticipated that the Advisory Committee will receive the outline for its review in May 1999 and that the Advisory Committee will submit its recommendations to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-third session. On the basis of the decision taken by the General Assembly at that time, a detailed fascicle of the ITC proposed programme budget will be prepared and submitted to the Assembly at its fifty-fourth session.

Table 11B.1 **Summary of requirements (United Nations share)**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Regular budget

	1996–1997 expendi- tures	1998–1999 appropri- ations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	2000–2001 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
International Trade Centre	20 117.8	19 812.7	–	–	19 812.7	358.2	20 170.9
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